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For : COMMUNICATION METHOD IN A HOME NETWORK,
NETWORK AND DEVICE FOR IMPLEMENTING SUCH
A METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/EP99/03952 filed
herewith, please enter the following amendments

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (AMENDED) Communication method in a home network
comprising at least two devices connected to a communication bus [characterized in
that] wherein a first device including an internet application and a second device
including means for connecting to the internet, said second device being able to
manage at least one internet application protocol, said method comprises the steps
of:

 sending a request from said first device to said second device for
opening a connection between said first and second devices, wherein said request
contains an internet application protocol identifier to identify the internet
application protocol to be used over said connection;

 sending an internet protocol request under the format of said internet
application protocol from said first device to said second device;

 forwarding said internet protocol request from said second device to
an internet server;

 upon receipt, transferring a response from said internet server to said
first device through said second device over said communication bus.

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